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In re Appln. of: SCOTT E. BOATMAN et al.
Appln. No.: 09/848,742
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For: MEDICAL DEVICE INCLUDING
UNITARY, CONTINUOUS PORTION
OF VARYING DUROMETER
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2004 and the case interview conducted on June 18, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit this paper comprising the following parts:

- I. Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2; and
- II. Remarks, beginning on page 8.

Applicants note that the Transmittal to which this paper is attached includes a Certificate under 37 C.F.R §1.8; and a fee statement calculating any fee(s) presently due in connection with the filing of this paper, along with an authorization to charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

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